

REMARKS

Claims 41, 42, and 45–49, and 52–67 are pending in the above identified application. The Examiner has allowed claims 41 and 42. The Examiner has rejected claims 45–50, 53–56, 58, and 59 and objected to claims 51, 52, 57, and 60–67. The Applicants amended Claim 45 to include all limitation of allowable Claim 51 and all intervening claims. Claim 60 has been rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of rejected base claim and all intervening claims. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 45–50, 53–56, 58–59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). To expedite the issuance of this application Applicants are presently amending Claim 45 to include all limitation of Claim 51, which as Examiner indicated is allowable. However, the Applicants respectfully disagree with Examiner's conclusion on patentability of the rejected claims and will present additional arguments to overcome this rejection in a continuation application to be filed shortly. As a result of this Amendment, Claim 45 is patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 46–50, 53–56, 58–59 are depended on Claim 45 and therefore are patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 45.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claims 60–67 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have amended Claim 60 to include all limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. As a result, Claim 60 is allowable. Claims 61–67 depend on Claim 60 and therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 60.

Conclusion


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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